Hyderabad floods: Apartment in Tellapur in darkness with no power supply for nearly a week

The apartment complex, which is located near the Chelikunta lake in Tellapur, houses around 250 families.

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It's been nearly a week since the Indus Crest apartment complex in Hyderabad has been reeling under darkness. The housing complex has around 250 families and is spread across 7 acres in Tellapur, which is in the city's IT corridor. According to its residents, who are mostly in the IT sector, the power supply and water supply was cut on October 13 night following heavy rains. The power was disrupted, they say, when water flooded the basement which houses the apartment's electrical board.

With no end to their plight, several residents have been forced to vacate their homes. "Not just for work but basic survival has also become tough as there is no power or water supply. Because of this, several residents have temporarily moved out of the complex and are living elsewhere," said a resident, who does not wish to be named. Following appeals by residents on Twitter, teams from disaster management arrived to provide relief.

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Speaking to TNM, Indus Crest Apartment Secretary Pratap said, “Yes, the Disaster Management team is working with motors to pump out the water from the complex. But it's not easy as the water level is upto 25 feet. The work is still going on.” Meanwhile, alternate arrangements were made for the supply of water.

According to residents, Chelikunta lake, which is located near the apartment complex, breached resulting in massive flooding. In September this year, the state government had cancelled no objection certificates (NOCs) and Non-Agricultural Land Assessment (NALA) Act permissions given to Indus Crest as it had encroached the lake. A committee had found that the apartment complex had come up within the buffer zone or full tank level of Chelikunta lake.

Pratap, however, says that Indus Crest was hit hard by the floods owing to ongoing construction. “The apartment’s second phase construction is going on, due to which large pits were dug large in the area, which got filled up.”

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Around 40 monkeys found dead in Telangana, allegedly poisoned and stuffed in bags

The Mahabubabad district has seen a rise in monkey population among human habitations, partly due to the conversion of forest land into agricultural land.

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Around 40 monkeys were suspected to be poisoned to death and stuffed in gunny bags in Mahabubabad district of Telangana, a Forest Department official said on Wednesday. The carcasses were found on a hillock near Sanigapuram village in the district on Tuesday, he said.

Since the dead monkeys, including young ones, were in a highly decomposed state, postmortem could not be conducted, the official said. Forest and police officials are investigating people from nearby villages.

"The monkeys are suspected to have been poisoned to death. As of now, who has done this act is not clear. Whether farmers (to protect their crop) or someone else. We are inquiring," the official told PTI. According to Hindustan Times, Mahabubabad police have registered a case under section 429 (mischief by killing or maiming an animal) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and section 11(l) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Police have said that the incident is likely to have occured around five to six days ago.

Local residents told reporters that they found the dead monkeys after following a foul smell that was emanating from their decomposed carcasses. TNM had earlier reported on the problems faced by residents of Mahabubabad district because of the rise in the monkey population in areas with human habitation. A former employee of the Dornakal Municipality had told TNM that one of the reasons for the problem was the conversion of forest lands into agricultural land.

Municipality officials had said that controlling monkeys had become difficult. They said that catching monkeys was an expensive affair, considering the high number of monkeys in the region, and the high amount charged by monkey catchers. Officials said that even though there were attempts to leave monkeys in the Bhadrachalam forests, they kept returning to areas with human habitation.

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